

Indicator: # of mothers with infants under 12 months reporting that they had four or more antenatal care (ANC) visits during their pregnancy (HE_MNCH_083)**HEALTH SECTOR** **PROJECT AREA:** Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health**Type:** Outcome**Unit of Measure:** Individual**Disaggregation:** Timing of care: First trimester, second trimester, third trimester**Related Objective:** Increase knowledge and skills of women to adopt practices that contribute to a healthy pregnancy, safe delivery, good postpartum, and a healthy newborn (Objective 1)**Precise definitions**

Mothers with infants under 12 months: The mothers included in the outcome indicator should have attended a multisession training on maternal and newborn health, ideally during their pregnancy, co-facilitated by the PCV and their counterpart or local health staff/volunteer. The individual should have attended at least 75 percent of sessions to be counted in the denominator for *HE_MNCH_079: Number of target population reached with individual or small group education on maternal and newborn care services*, and therefore this indicator.

Antenatal care (ANC) visits: routine visits during pregnancy to monitor the status of the mother and her unborn child with a skilled birth attendant. These visits must have taken place during the pregnancy before birth. WHO now recommends that women receive eight ANC visits. Not all countries have implemented this new guidance, so the Peace Corps will continue to measure four ANC visits in addition to indicators around specific services. Emphasis should be placed on attending at least one of the recommended antenatal visits during the first trimester and one in the third. Women should also know where they will give birth, who to contact in case of an emergency, and how to access emergency transportation to the designated birth facility. If the Volunteer is working with a group of pregnant women, he/she should continuously monitor receipt of antenatal care services and visits.

Timing of care (disaggregation): Recent WHO guidance stresses the importance of the timing of care and that pregnant women receive ANC visits during the third trimester. This disaggregation tracks the number of women who report having four or more ANC visits during their pregnancy and how many of them had at least one of those visits in the last trimester.

Data collection**Tool:** Maternal Health Outcomes Survey

This survey is intended to be given to the pregnant women who participated in a multisession training focused on maternal and newborn health facilitated by the PCV and their counterpart. The pregnant woman should have attended at least 75 percent of the defined information sessions to be included in the survey. Data for the outcome indicators ideally would be collected three to six months after the birth of their baby. If the timing of a PCV's close of service (COS) or other factors will not allow for this, a survey could be conducted earlier, but indicators that reference specific timeframes may need to be removed, such as the one focused on exclusive breastfeeding for six months. While it is the pregnant woman/mother who is taking the survey, some of the questions are focused on the infant.

The survey should be conducted by the PCV and their counterpart or co-facilitator of the group following the instructions provided in the outcomes survey tool closely. The survey should include an indicator for each area of prevention of maternal and newborn health that was covered in the training. See the Maternal Health Outcomes Survey for a complete list.

Reporting

To be counted for this indicator the following criteria must be met:

- The woman had a live birth in the past 12 months.
- During her pregnancy, the woman received training on the maternal and newborn care services and/or participated in a group that was facilitated by a PCV or their partner and was encouraged to attend antenatal care as a result of being in the group.
- The mother must have attended at least 75 percent of the sessions.
- The training was provided by the PCV or their partner in an individual or small group setting of 25 or less.
- Attendance at educational sessions was documented by the Volunteer or their partner.